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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME – 2015 SUMMARY

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Milk production increased 1.3 percent in 2015 to 209 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 22,393 pounds, was 134 pounds above 2014. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.32 million head, up 60,000 head from 2014.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2015 totaled \$35.7 billion, 27.6 percent lower than 2014. Producer returns averaged \$17.21 per hundredweight, 28.5 percent below 2014. Marketings totaled 207.7 billion pounds, 1.3 percent above 2014. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 969 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.5 percent more than 2014. Calves were fed 91 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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